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DAILY GAZETTE.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

—Pittsburgh had a $50,000 fire last night.

—Blaine's speech was the sensation in Congress yesterday.

—The Dominion Parliament assembled at Ottawa yesterday.

—Fifty churches have thus far agreed to join in the Advisory Council.

—Our city detectives are after a bookkeeper who kept more than his employer's books.

—The *Independent* this week criticises Beecher and Plymouth Church in a hostile way.

—J. R. Helman, County Treasurer of Wooster, Ohio, is $60,000 short. He has absconded.

—The Hippodrome in New York was again crowded yesterday—Mr. Moody conducting the services.

—Mr. Randall is not as rampant on the question of adding to the list of able-bodied Confederate office holders as he was.

—The Board of Education of New York have decided against the introduction of German as a study in the public schools.

—It is now the correct thing in Southwestern journalism to say that a person who has been shot in the head has been "Carruthed."

—Gen. Boynton says if Bristow is nominated for President, it will be because the office wants the man, not the man seeking the office.

—The London *Times* is said to be negotiating for the exclusive use of the Anglo-American cables on Sunday nights during the Centennial.

—The ticket agents, in convention assembled yesterday, decided to reduce passenger rates twenty-five per cent. to and from the Centennial.

—The production of pig iron in the United States in 1875 was about 2,100,000 tons net, a falling off of 600,000 tons as compared with the previous year.

—Alexander McClure, of the Philadelphia *Times*, has been held to answer on a charge of libel preferred against him by the man running the Katie King show.

—Mrs. Senator Sprague has saved enough from the wreck of her father's and husband's fortunes to live at Paris with her children. Sprague is at Rhode Island.

—The City Collector of Chicago is prancing around among the banks, and compelling them to settle up back taxes. He has drawn in near $77,000 within the past week.

—Fanny Lear's new book, Great Ladies of the Court of Russia," which is said to contain the elements of many big scandals, has been received in manuscript by Lacroix, of Paris.

—The sad and sudden death of Hon. Reverdy Johnson, the great Maryland lawyer and politician, which occurred last night, will cause a profound sensation in legal and political circles.

—The sensitive soul of Kelley, it is said, has been stung to the quick because Blaine did not notify him in time, of his financial speech, so that Kelley could have primed himself to be ready to reply to it at once.

—The *Reichstag* yesterday passed the bill amendatory of the Penal Code, including the much debated Pulpit Clause, which forbids objectionable communications from being read in church or posted on the doors.

—The Kentucky House came to the relief of Kentucky tax-payers yesterday, and passed a bill to reduce the State tax on real and personal property to forty cents on the $100. The result will be to reduce taxation in the State over $200,000.

—Mr. Cox has been making another speech which he assures an anxious public is "the grandest of his life"—a remark which invariably follows his performances, Mr. Cox, like our poet, orator and philosopher John McKee always considers the latest emanation from his brain as "the greatest."

—A daring American amusement manager is said to have engaged Offenbach for the month of June, in this country, the consideration being $20,000, traveling expenses both ways for three persons, and $40 a day for hotel expenses. If the venture proves remunerative, the contract may be extended for thirty days.

—The first horse to show in front of the crowd on the track is Blaine. He has New England and the Northwest. He is invading the South and Pacific States, and threatens a brush at New York. With the help of Jeff Davis, as a rider, he is making the running lively. Bully for Blaine.—*Cincinnati Commercial.*

—It is generally conceded that not over one-third of the estimated crop of logs to be put in this winter will reach the streams in Michigan. The little snow there has entirely disappeared, and operations are suspended. Of 65,000,000 feet intended to be put in on Rifle river, only 10,000,000 thus far are on the banks. Operations on the other streams are in about the same proportion.

—The Controller has furnished the following statement of the financial condition of Tennessee's assets: Next January $1,201,702 will be due. The liabilities will amount to $3,648,249, leaving a defict of $2,446,547. In January of 1875 the assets will amount to $1,318,702; liabilities due $4,459,026, leaving a deficit of $3,140,325. The entire interest bearing debt of the State amounts to $22,908,000.

—In regard to the questions to be prepared by counsel, and forwarded to Washington for the President to respond to, it is ascertained that a majority of the interrogatories proposed by Babcock's counsel were framed to elicit the delaration that the defendant was in no way instrumental in inducing the President to direct the canceling of the order whereby a general transfer of Supervisors was to be made. The balance relate either to unimportant or irrelevant matters.

—Gen. Butler's alleged determination to run for Congress again in his old district next fall excites amusement in that locality. A correspondent of the Boston *Herald* has made a careful examination of public sentiment in the district, and finds no Butler men except a few office holders. Most of his old constituents think he will not try for a re-election from there, but will endeavor to secure a nomination in Gen. Banks' district, the Fifth, as he has considerable popularity in Lynn.

—Retrospection is healthful sometimes; the exquisitely high-toned sense of honor of the Democratic press has been terribly shocked by the proposition of the President to testify in a case wherein an old comrade in arms is interested. A glance backward might serve as a soothing plaster to the wounded Democracy, for it has evidently forgotten the time when a Democratic Secretary of the United States Treasury—Howell Cobb by name—being obliged to put a Government loan upon the market, absolutely did all in his power to depreciate that loan, even going so far as to warn bidders not to take, as the bonds "were no worth a—."

—A correspondent discussing the political outlook in Washington, says: "In the House, where most of the plotting and wire-pulling is done, the Republicans are in the minority tends to make them more united. They feel little or no responsibility for anything that may be done, and have simply to sit by and watch for Democratic blunders, or to set traps to catch their enemies. Every encounter has thus far strengthened their own lines, while every bone of contention which has been dexterously thrown into the Democratic camp has been picked up by some unwary gentleman, to his own sorrow and the detriment of his party."

—The lady whom Mr. Jas. Parton has married was Miss Ellen Eldredge, younger daughter of Mr. Parton's former wife. When Parton married "Fanny Fern" (Mrs. Eldredge,) Miss Ellen Eldredge was quite a little girl. She has now grown up to take her mother's placd and become her step-father's wife—the circumstance being, as is believed, almost, if not absolutely, unique. Her elder sister married Mortimer Thomson, but dying the year after her marriage, left her infant daughter to the care of her mother and sister. This child, exceptionally attractive as she is, became the pet of Mr. Parton's household. When Mrs. Parton died, the care of the child devolved upon Miss Eldredge and Mr. Parton, and their marriage now enable them to unite more completely in caring for her.

—This little tid-bit of society gossip comes from Washington: "Some sixty young misses, who have enjoyed the German given by the Bachelor's and Washington Clubs, have organized to give a dance to their beaux. Vivacious little Miss Jewell, the daughter of the Postmaster General, is the President of this woman's rights movement, and there are committees on decoration, ball, supper and music, just as the men have. Secretary Robeson is to receive the masculine guests, who are not to be admitted unless each brings a *chaperone*. Wormley is to prepare the supper, and everything is to be done on the grandest scale possible. Meanwhile, some of the young men are getting to be rather nervous, lest they not receive invitations to dance, and be forced to sit like wall-flowers among the dowagers all the evening."

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, February 10, 1876.

Flutter Among Insurance Men.

The large fire Tuesday night has caused very much of a flutter among insurance men, and some dozen or more meetings of representatives of various companies were held yesterday, but no accurate list of risks was compiled. The property was of the extra hazardous class, and no company has lost very heavily or to a critical degree, and upon proper adjudication all losses will be promptly paid.

Another Bank Robbery.

NEW LONDON, Conn., February 10.—The Bank of Commerce was robbed on Tuesday night, and on Wednesday the bank officers were unable to open the vault, but an expert accomplished it at night, when the loss of $29,500 was discovered. The delay in opening the vault gave the burglars twenty-four hours start of the officers.

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FORTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

(FIRST SESSION.)

The Financial Situation.

SPEECH BY HON. JAMES G. BLAINE.

His Opinion of the Evils of Further Inflation.

NATIONAL BANK BILLS VS. GOVERNMENT NOTES.

Prosperity to be Attained by Specie Resumption.

Demoralizing Attitude of the Democratic Party on this Question.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, February 10, 1876.

The Bankrupt Law.

Mr. LOGAN presented a telegram to himself from a leading merchant of Chicago asking that in passing any act for the repeal of the bankrupt law the Senate will provide it shall take effect not later than July 1st, 1876.

Northern Pacific Railroad.

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill for the extension of time for the construction and completion of the Northern Pacific Railroad.

Mr. SARGENT moved to amend the second section so as to read: "That this extension is granted upon the express condition and understanding that where pre-emption and homestead claims were initiatory or private entries and locations were allowed upon the lands embraced in the grant to said company prior to the receipt of orders of withdrawal at the respective district land offices, the lands embraced in such entry shall not be held as within the grant to said company, and shall be patented to parties lawfully entered under the provisions of the section," &c. Agreed to.

Mr. EDMUNDS submitted an amendment to the fourth section so as to provide that the act shall not be construed to affect existing private rights otherwise than as herein provided; and further, "that the act shall, as well as the charter of the company and other acts and resolutions relating thereto, be subject to alteration, amendment or repeal at the pleasure of Congress. Agreed to.

Mr. INGALLS moved to strike out the proviso in the second section that it should not apply to lands heretofore patented to the company nor to entries already canceled and upon which the purchase money or other consideration has been returned to the respective parties in interest. Agreed to.

The bill having been considered in Committee of the Whole, and the amendments proposed by the Committee on Railroads agreed to without further amendments, the bill was reported to the Senate, and the amendments made in committee agreed to.

After discussion the bill was passed—yeas 35, nays 18.

The Centennial Bill.

Mr. CAMERON gave notice that he would ask the Senate to remain in session to-morrow until a vote could be reached on the Centennial bill.

The Senate then went into executive session and soon after adjourned.

HOUSE.

Consular and Diplomatic Appropriation

The House went into Committee of the Whole on the Consular and Diplomatic appriation bill, and was addressed by Mr. HALE (Maine). He begun by showing the importance in the past history of the country of the maintenance of foreign missions, particularly the mission to England during the rebellion. He alluded to the fact that no less than six Presidents had experience in the diplomatic service, and it would not do in the light of all the history of the past to cast slurs upon diplomacy as a thing not needed and as a thing which should be given up.

Mr. Hale was followed by Mr. LYNCH (Miss.), and at the conclusion of his speech Mr. BLAINE arose and addressed the committee. Every desk in the House and galleries was occupied, and the closest attention was given to his remarks.

Mr. Blaine's Speech.

Mr. BLAINE said:

Mr. CHAIRMAN: The honor of the National Government and the prosperity of the American people are alike menaced by those who demand the perpetuation of an irredeemable paper currency. For more than two years the country has been suffering from prostration in business; confidence returns but slowly; trade revives only partially, and to-day, with capital unproductive and labor unemployed, we find ourselves in the midst of an agitation respecting the medium with which business transactions shall be carried on. Until this question is definitely adjusted it is idle to expect that full measure of prosperity to which the energies of our people and the resources of the land entitle us. In the way of that adjustment one great section of the Democratic party—possibly its controlling power—stubbornly stands to-day. The Republicans, always true to the primal duty of supporting the nation's credit, have now cast behind them all minor differences and dissensions on the financial question, and have gradually consolidated their strength against inflation. The currency, therefore, becomes of necessity a prominent political issue, and those Democrats who are in favor of honest dealing by the Government and honest money for the people, may be compelled to act as they did in that still graver exigency when the existence of the Government itself was at stake.

While this question should be approached in no spirit of partisan bitterness, it has yet become so entangled with party relations that no intelligent discussion of it can be had without giving its political history, and if that history bears severely on the Democratic party, its defenders must answer the facts, and not quarrel with their presentation. Firmly attached to our political party myself, firmly believing that parties in a free government are as healthful as they are inevitable, I still think there are questions about which parties should agree to never disagree; and of these is the essential nature and value of the circulating medium. And it is a fact of especial weight and significance that up to the paper money era, which was precipitated upon us during the rebellion as one of war's inexorable necessities, there never was a political party in this country that believed in any other than the specie standard for our currency. If there was any principle that was rooted and grounded in the minds of our earlier statesmen it was the evil of paper money; and no candid man of any party can read the Constitution of the United States and not be convinced that its framers intended to protect and defend our people from the manifold perils of irredeemable currency. Nathaniel Macon, one of the purest and best of American statesmen, himself a soldier of the Revolution and a member of Congress continuously during the administrations of our first six Presidents, embracing in all a period of nearly forty years, expressed the whole truth when he declared in the Senate that "this was a hard-money Government, founded by hard-money men, who had themselves seen and felt the evil of paper money and meant to save their posterity from it."

To this uniform adherence to the specie standard the crisis of the rebellion forced an exception. In January, 1862, with more than a half million of men in arms, with a daily expenditure of nearly two millions of dollars, the Government suddenly found itself without money. Customs yielded but little, internal taxes had not yet been levied, public credit was impaired, if not paralyzed, our armies had met with one signal reverse and nowhere with marked success, and men's minds were filled with gloom and apprehension. The one supreme need of the hour was money, and money the Government did not have. What, then, should be done—rather what could be done? The ordinary Treasury note had been tried and failed, and those already issued were discredited and below the value of the bills of country banks. The Government in this great and perilous need promptly called to its aid a power never before exercised. It authorized the issue of one hundred and fifty millions of notes, and declared them to be a legal tender for all debts, public and private, with two exceptions.

The ablest lawyers who sustained this measure did not find warrant for it in the text of the Constitution, but, like the late Senator Fessenden, of my own State, placed it on the ground of "absolute, overwhelming necessity;" and that illustrious Senator declared that, "the necessity existing, he had no hesitation." Indeed, sir, to hesitate was to be lost, for the danger was that, if Congress prolonged the debate on points of constitutional construction, its deliberations might be interrupted by the sound of rebel artillery on the opposite shore of the Potomac. The Republican Senators and Representatives, therefore, dismissing all doubts and casuistry, stood together for the country, and if taunted, as they were, by the Democracy and disloyalty of that day, with violating the Constitution, they pointed to that law which is older than constitutions. Adopting the sentiment, as they might have quoted the imputed language of John Milton, they believed that "there is the law of self-preservation which

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GOLD closed in New York yesterday at 112¾.

BLAINE'S SPEECH.

Ex-Speaker BLAINE delivered his speech on the finances, in the House, yesterday. His rising influence and power were illustrated by crowded galleries, and the presence of a full House. The Democracy were much annoyed as he unfolded their financial record, and would have interrupted him, but he would not permit them. The speech made a profound impression, owing to the prominence of Mr. BLAINE as a prospective Presidential candidate. He proved himself a strong debater, holding the interested attention of his large audience, during the entire delivery of his lengthy address. We give the speech in full elsewhere, and commend it to the close attention of our readers. It will be seen that his views are not in accord with those we hold, but we do not hesitate to declare the address an able presentation of his side of the question. He takes the stoongest pro-resumption ground, arguing that this is the true policy of the Government and for the best interest of the people.

The main point of attack is the position of the Democratic party, that our legal tenders shall be delegalized, our National bank system broken down, and State banks substituted, these to be supplied with unlimited issues of greenbacks, and thus all things made lovely. In the political part of the speech, with which he begins, their hostility to the Government, lurking beneath all these propositions, is pointed out in the clearest terms. Their opposition to legal tenders, in the first instance, and their subsequent attempt to destroy the value of these by issuing them in unlimited quantities, were the chief points made in this direction. The discussion on the direct question of specie resumption seemed to be incidental to the leading purpose to reply to the plans of the Democratic party. We are at a loss to determine what strength of argument he would bring to the discussion, in consecutive order, of specie resumption as a leading consideration. We are frank to say that we are not profoundly impressed with his attempt in that direction, as contained in the address under mention. It contains many pertinent facts, but is not logically or forcibly arranged or stated.

His defense of the National bank system, as against the Democratic demand for a return to the old State banking system, is just and strong. Outlining the necessity for the system, created by the war, he declares it to-day the best the country ever had. The idea of substituting an unlimited number of greenbacks for National bank notes he denounces as a violation of national faith, which requires the greenback circulation to be limited to $400,000,000. The very pertinent point was also presented, in this connection, that Congress is not adapted to the control of a large volume of currency, either by knowledge, or public confidence. While we do not regard his argument, at this point as closely logical or consecutive, we appreciate the sharp points he brings forward. There is, however, at times an intermixing of ideas,—as when he injects the general topic of inflation, as to its effects on several branches of trade—into the discussion of the banking question. What he says in opposition to the breaking down of our National banking system, we fully agree with; but when he tells the Western farmers that they should not have paper money at all, because their corn and wheat are sold at a gold standard, he is simply absurd. What has the standard of sales to do with the currency employed? If the currency is made to equalize the standard price in gold, it meets the entire want of the people of the West and South.

The criticism on the entire speech should be: it is too general and indefinite. When a man says we should attain specie payments, or that they are desirable, no one disputes with him; but the great question before the country is, *how* shall we reach specie payments with the least injury? Here Mr. BLAINE adopts the idea of a low rate bond into which greenbacks may be funded. He also proposes some increase of power for the Secretary of the Treasury, and careful and judicious legislation by Congress. All this is well enough, but it means nothing definite. We suppose no one doubts any of the points, and their value consists in their being the expression of his desire to reach specie payments, by the use of legislation of some kind. He may be said to have classed himself as a forced resumptionist, who would use moderate measures to reach his purpose. Very properly, he urges that confidence is the first thing needed, and would reach this, not by repealing the Resumption act, but by levering up the value of greenbacks by means of interest paying bonds.

What Mr. BLAINE says of the ability of the country to maintain specie payments is well enough as a piece of spread eagle oratory. The relative amount of wealth, now in the country, as compared with that of Canada or California, is proof of the idea that we are able to maintain specie payments. We do not doubt, that if once we had them, we could maintain them. The trouble is, to reach them; and the sources of this trouble are not even alluded to in Mr. BLAINE'S entire speech. His bond scheme *might* lift the value of greenbacks to par with gold, but that will not be specie payments. These can only be had by gathering a stock of gold sufficient for the purpose. This Secretary BRISTOW has been doing his utmost to accomplish, and has failed. To lift greenbacks to par with gold may be well enough, but it isn't gold. We can get the precious metals to stay at home under the following conditions: 1. Sell more than we buy abroad. 2. Apply this surplus to the payment of coin interest on our debt held abroad. 3. Buy up our bonds, and hold them in this country. So long as we must send abroad all the gold our mines produce, it cannot be had for specie payments at home

We are free to say, however, that the speech as aimed at Democratic heresies has strong redeeming qualities. The idea of delegalizing the legal-tenders, of breaking down the National banking system, and of ruining the best system of finance we have ever had, is strongly combated. It is rather as a special plea against these evil plans of the Democracy that the speech has strength, than as a general presentation of specie-resumption. His weakness seems to us in the mixing of the two positions. When he portrays the defects of the Democratic record,—particularly as contrasted with JACKSON'S financial views, his points are strong and well put. But when he seeks to mark out a line of policy for his party, his position, while clear enough, is weakly sustained by fact and argument. Taken altogether while an impressive speech, we do not see that it has added laurels to Mr. BLAINE. It has in it much of political shrewdness, and is not positive enough to do him exceeding harm.

THE action of the Chief of Police yesterday in dispensing with the services of a member of the detective force who had knowingly violated a rule of the office, seems to have been a prompt case of discipline that will likely have a healthy effect. A rule had been established expressly prohibiting any detective being engaged in the investigation of case which he had not first reported to the office, and for which he was to receive any special emoluments outside of his regular salary. This the detective disregarded, hence his discharge. He was a good officer, but that, very properly, was not allowed to interfere to prevent the disciplinary application. A few such examples will probably bring the whole force to a realizing sense of the fact that discipline is to be maintained. There is a pretty well defined impression in the community that the detective force has not been conspicuous for superabundant energy in the investigation of cases in which special fees were not the allurements. This evidence of the establishment of a new order of things may at first seem a little summary, but in the end the new regulations will be found to work more satisfactorily both to detectives and the general public.

GENERALITIES.

THE Convention is still busy at Denver fixing up a State Constitution for Colorado.

A MASSACHUSETTS newspaper says: "Ten mills make a cent—but not any ten mills in this region"

YOUNG NAPOLEON has a moustache. It will be a good while before he will be able to show an imperial.

STRAUSS recently wrote in a lady's album, "Love is the exchange of two quadrilles and the contact of two waltzes."

MRS. FLORA L. BALDWIN, wife of a wealthy citizen of Carthage, Ohio, committed suicide last Wednesday night by taking poison. The cause of the act is supposed to have been domestic unhappiness.

THE announcement that the Anglo-Egyptian Bank has advanced large sums of money to Egypt, the London *Times* says, ends the triumph of the French Syndicate, the bank in question being practically a French institution.

It appears to the Springfield *Republican* that "both political parties have played fast and loose with the financial question till neither is in a position to settle or even help it, and neither can go into the Presidential contest with any credit for what it has done."

THE population of Ireland is set down at 5,412,397. Showing a falling off of nearly 3,000,000 in less than twenty-five years. The Roman Catholics have slightly decreased in numbers and the Episcopalians and Presbyterians slightly increased since 1861.

ALEXANDER DUMAS is described as tall, stalwart, very pale, and his first aspect is proud, cold, stern and a little defiant. But he quickly thaws and shows himself the most fascinating of *causeurs*. He is gay, cordial, vivacious and simple, full of anecdotes, wit and laughter.

THE British Registrar General, Dr. William Farr, has just completed the herculean task of preparing a ten years' statistical report. An idea of the size and importance of the work may be realized when it is stated that this report deals with no less than 2,006,000 deaths, and that the causes of death occurring during the decade are compared with those of the previous twenty years.

THE Board of Trade, which made an inquiry into the loss of the American ship Harvest Queen, off Waterford, Ireland, on the 31st of January, find that the steamship Adriatic sunk her, and that the captain of the steamer should have reported the matter to the British Consul on his arrival at New York, and left the bows of the Adriatic untouched until she had been inspected by the Consul. Saving this, the Captain is acquitted of blame, and his certificate has been returned to him. The first and third officers are censured for withholding information.

A WASHINGTON correspondent writes: "The most agreeable class of people hereabouts are the female lobbyists, of whom there must be thirty or more. Some want patents extended; others have war claims, and not a few urge the enactment of private bills. A few of them are handsome, others possess literary pretensions, and nearly all pay great regard to the conventionalities of society. All have tact, some have practical common sense, and those who belong to the class against which Sam Weller warned his father to beware, show an intimate acquaintance with the best way of managing the other sex. In no age or country, from the days of Louis XIV. and the Court of Spain, as described by Gil Blas, has female influence been more potent than it is here just now. Among the 'rights' of their sex which they claim is that of taking a hand in the coming Presidential contest."

THE COURT RECORD.

A Complete Report of the Proceedings in the Courts Yesterday.

U. S. District Court.

(Before Judge McCandless.)

William B. McLean, of Pittsburgh, bankrupt. On petition of assignee leave was granted to complete unfinished stock and sell stock at private sale.

Olmstead and Reinhurst, of Crawford county, bankrupts, were discharged.

Frazier, Metzgar & Co., bankrupts. Debtors adjudged bankrupts and case referred to Register Shafer.

George Crawford, of Pittsburgh, bankrupt. Register's report of composition presented, and clerk ordered to give notice of hearing to inquire whether the resolution of composition had been regularly passed.

S. P. Boyer, bankrupt, of Crawford county. Order made for sale of bankrupt's interest in certain real estate.

Morgan Bell, bankrupt, of Greene county. Order made for sale of real estate discharged of liens.

T. E. Martin, bankrupt, of Erie county. Davenport & Griffith moved for an allowance as solicitor of assignee of said bankrupt; referred to Register Woodruff for examination and report.

Hook & Wise, bankrupts, of Greene county. An order was made for the sale of certain real estate, discharged of all liens.

Henry C. Sayers was enjoined from performing the act sought to be enjoined.

Rogers & Burchfield, bankrupts, of this city. Petition of Julius Haligarten et al., creditors, for leave to accept the proposition of John Merry & Co., without prejudice to rights of petitioners to prove their claim against the estate of bankrupts and receive dividends on the whole amount of bankrupts' indebtedness to them. Referred to Samuel Harper, Register, for examination and report.

Blackmore & Nelson, bankrupts, of the city; an order was made allowing assignees to make sale of certain real estate, discharged of all liens and incumbrances.

C. Howard & Son, Water Works contractors of this city, filed their petition in bankruptcy; the same was referred to Samuel Harper, Esq., Register.

U. S. Circuit Court.

(Before Judge McKennan.)

E. A. L. Roberts for use of Ida Roberts vs. Peter Shriver. Action for infringement of a patent for oil well torpedoes. Argument commenced by George Harding and D. F. Patterson, of Pittsburgh, for complainants, and Henry Waldon, of Philadelphia, and George Shiras, of Pittsburgh, for defendants. This is a test case, and a very important one, and consequently both plaintiffs and defendants are making every effort to obtain a favorable decision. The arguments will be resumed this morning.

Common Pleas No. 1.

(Before Judges Stowe and Collier.)

Robert B. Hosick vs. Eveline Murray, Frederick Brinker, John Float, Sr., John Float, Jr.; previously reported. On trial.

A. J. Jolly vs. James T. Wray et al.; previously reported. Verdict for $1,719.70.

J. R. Lanahan vs. Friar and Chartiers Building and Loan Association, garnishee. Judgment was entered against the garnishee.

Oil for use vs. Union Oil Company. Plaintiff took a non-suit.

Barney De Moss & Co. vs. George Stewart; action on an account. Verdict for plaintiff for $94.35.

J. S. Dungan vs. Cole & Irwin; action to recover for stock sold. On trial.

Trial List for To-day.

Mechanics Savingf Bank vs. A. V. R. R. Clark vs. The West Penn Railroad Comp'y. Marshall vs. Watson.

Paul vs. Weik et al, (2).

Bradford et al. vs. Hare et al.

Wirtz et al. vs. The Allegheny Valley Railroad Company.

Schell et al. vs. Stein.

Edmunson vs. Welch.

Executor of Irwin vs. City of Pittsburgh.

Rice et al. vs. Mellon et al. 2

Wangaman vs. Blyholder;

Orr & Sears vs. T. Scott & Son;

Orr & Sears vs. Martin.

Common Pleas Court No. 2.

(Before Judges Kirkpatrick and White.)

A. J. Pentecost vs. James Godfrey et al. Motions and reasons for a new trial *ex parte* defendants.

Mechanics Savings Bank for use vs. Alex. Tindle. Wm. McClelland, Esq., was appointed auditor, to make and report distribution of the money paid into Court.

E. M. Butz, surviving partner of the firm of Monahan & Butz, vs. C. Dietrick, owner, and Robert McKain, contractor, (3 cases), each being a *scire facias* on a mechanics' lien. On trial.

Patrick Kearns vs. Wm. Brown, J. M. Mullen, Michael King and Owen Cavenaugh. Action for damages for trespass *vi et armis*. On trial.

Wm. Dore vs. S. M. Brinton. Action for damages for obstructing an alleged right of way. Peremptory non-suit granted.

Wm. Downey vs. W. C. Anghenbaugh and R. G. Herron, executors of Clarissa Herron, deceased. Action on account. Verdict for plaintiff for $756.

Trial List for To-Day.

Ward et ux. vs. Miller.

Cramer vs. May.

Clark vs. Miller.

McIntosh & Phillips vs. Wrighter.

Barr vs. The Allegheny Trust Company.

The Mutual B. & L. Association of Allegheny vs. Gray et al.

Connell vs. Blue.

Jae vs. Einstein & Co.

Hartley for use vs. Erdner.

Halliday vs. Ross.

Murdoch & Hall vs. Evans.

Maley vs. Phillips.

Criminal Court.

(Before Judge Sterrett.)

Zadok Street, Superintendent of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, was acquitted of a charge of barratry, and the prosecutor, Andrew Kunzleman, was directed to pay the costs;

Adam Cosgrave was convicted of a charge of false pretences.

Garrison Moseby was convicted of a charge of larceny, but acquitted of a charge of receiving stolen goods. S. S. Blair was the prosecutor.

Stephen Dyer is on trial on a charge of barratry.

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Commonwealth vs.	
John H. Cummings,	W. J. Steel et al.
Eliza Bell,	J. D. Vierheller et al.
R. M. Sibbett, 2	

REFORM SCHOOL SENSATION.

Prosecutor Gill Charges that Defendants Have Attempted Subornation of Witnesses.

Superintendent Avery's Defense of Himself — The Prosecution Reopens with a Sensation—Former Inmates Showing their Scars to the Committee — The Bribery Charges.

The investigation dragged wearily along yesterday, and the prosy monotony of denials, by the defense, was not interrupted until after the usual hour of adjournment. Then there was an infusion of new testimony, that gave life to the last hour of the session. The defense rested about 3:30 o'clock, with Superintendent Avery as the last witness who left the stand. The resumption of the prosecution aroused a stir, and when Mr. Gill announced that his witnesses had been tampered with again, and that he proposed to prove that there had been venal subornation of witnesses, on the part of the defense, he created a decided sensation. During the remainder of the session the audience were absorbed in the testimony brought out by the prosecution.

The first witness sworn was Mrs. Martha Avery, wife of the Superintendent. From her position the witness had excellent opportunities of knowing all that happened in the house. During her long association with Miss McCoy she had never seen anything that would cause her to think the Matron was not kind in disposition. She had never known Miss McCoy, or Mrs. Miller to treat any of the girls unkindly, or to assault them with vile or opprobrious epithets. The occasion that Eli Wyse spoke of when he said that Mr. Avery called him out of a cell to fight was well remembered by the witness. It had been reported that

THE BOY HAD A KNIFE

and a pistol in his possession, and Mr. Avery went to his cell to see about it. The witness followed her husband, and when Eli came from the cell he put his hand behind him quickly, as if to draw a weapon, and then Mr. Avery slapped him on the face with his open hand four or five times. There was no other collision between the two. Subsequently a knife and pistol, belonging to Eli, were found by one of the officers, and taken care of. Frequently the boys made handy-billies and other weapons, and it was necessary to be constantly on guard against such things. Touching the allegation that Mr. Avery had whipped Annie Vanderkist and Maggie Conway, witness said that her husband had handcuffed Annie, but that he had never whipped a girl in the institution. Then the witness said that Annie Vanderkist had on one occasion picked her way through two brick walls with only a tooth brush for assistance. During the epidemic, the witness said, the sick inmates had received every possible attention. Mrs. Avery knew that Lizzie Burns had been slightly whipped and that it was reported that the girl intended to commit suicide. Before this time an inmate had committed suicide. The witness knew positively that Mary Kenedy had never been offered money to testify in favor of the defense. She thought the Managers did not visit the Refuge as often as they should.

Miss McMillan, a sister of Mrs. Avery, was called next and testified that she was present with Mrs. Avery when the boy Reddy said that Mr. Avery had always treated him kindly and had never whipped him. Mr. Avery was not in the habit of going into the girls' department except when called upon. Witness never heard anything said about conquering Annie Vanderkist. Here an adjournment was taken for dinner.

A MEMORABLE AFTERNOON.

During the time that the case, on the part of the defense was being presented an impression obtained that the prosecution was holding in reserve, testimony of a more sensational character than any that had yet been educed. The large crowd that filled the chapel after recess were, no doubt, attracted by this rumor and the report that some of the new testimony would be brought out during the afternoon. They were not disappointed. When the committee organized after recess,

Capt. Augustus Hant was recalled by the defense, and he described the operations of the system of rewards for good behavior, that was in vogue during some of the time that witness was book keeper in the institution. This system, which was based upon the moral suasion theory, was productive of much good, and after it was abolished the number of whippings increased. The witness did not know who was responsible for the abolition of the reward system.

In cross-examination witness said that boys who had attained the class of Honor, and who were entitled to be provided with employment on the outside, but who were not so employed, were retained in durance. Sometime the Committee of Indentures, of the Board of Managers, neglected to provide them with places, and it was the fault of the committee that they were not discharged under the rule. This neglect discouraged the boys, and finally the system was abandoned. If it had remained in force there would have been a great deal less of corporeal punishment.

Superintendent Avery was called as the last witness on the part of the defense. At the time Mary Kennedy was-hand cuffed, said the witness, several girls had hand-cuffs put on them, more as a disgrace than as punishment, for rebellious conduct. This was an extreme measure, and he had never ordered such things before. He could not speak of whippings done by Miss McCoy, because he was not present. His impression

ABOUT THE HAIR SHAVING

of the girls was that it was only cut off for purposes of cleanliness. It in no case should be obliterated everything that looked like a badge of infamy. He denied, explicitly, that at the time Annie Vanderkist said she had been whipped by him, that he whipped her or any one else. During the time that the scar was shown to the committee. It is very faint and over the right eye. He saw Mr. Avery tie two boys,—Workhouse and Allen—to a post, strip them and whip them until their bodies bled all over. He marked as well as he could the whipping was done in the presence of all the boys, and was the most severe he ever saw.

In cross-examination witness said that the offense for which he was punished by Mr. Avery was talking. His offence was contrary to the rule of the house.

Wm. Metz was not quite a year in the Refuge, and he left in the fall of 1874. He was whipped in the hall by Mr. Avery with a wagon whip. He was stripped to his shirt, and the punishment left a mark on the back of his leg. [Witness displayed a scar to the committee, and the scar looked as if it could only have been made by a whip with a knotted end.] McElhany had whipped the witness until he could stand, it no longer. The whipping lasted five minutes, the blows came thick and fast, and the blood followed the lash. His offense this time was for throwing a brick into the pool. Again, witness asked Weaver, the contractor, to sharpen an awl, and Weaver struck him five or six times over the head with a whip, knocked him down and kicked him in the face. Fremont Saville saw this last assault. Witness saw blood drawn from John Brown by McElhany.

The cross-examination developed no new facts.

Fremont Saville saw Weaver knock down and kick him in the face. Witness saw McElhany tear Catlin's shirt off, and lash him on the bear back with a dog whip.

Harvey Reed was in the Refuge about two years. McElhany whipped him once in the wash-house, for trying to escape. His pants were taken down and his leg was marked. Witness showed the marks to the Committee. That was the hardest whipping he ever received and he thought he deserved it.

A DREADFUL CASE.

Eddy Campbell, quite a small boy, had been an inmate about one year from 1874 to 1875. Mr. Hunt had him whipped once, with his pantaloons off, and drew the blood from him. He changed his seat from one bench to another, and Mr. Agnew after asking him how he got over there, caught him by the arm, and clapped him over against a bench. His shoulder was dislocated, and it had never been dressed, it being still out of joint. The witness was then examined by Dr. Riggs, who said the shoulder was still out of joint. He did not complain of his injury to any one in the Refuge. He had but a partial use of the arm now. When he left the Refuge he went out on parole, and that was the reason he had not told his brother of his injury.

W. A. McGiffen, clerk of the Refuge, swore that he knew nothing about Albert Swinehart having his arm knocked out of joint by Weaver. Albert once told witness that he had had a difficulty with Charley Weaver, but what the nature of that difficulty was the witness could not now recall. The witness never brought a drop of liquor into the Refuge for the Board of Managers, or for any body else, the Legislative Committee included.

The committee adjourned until this morning at 9 o'clock.

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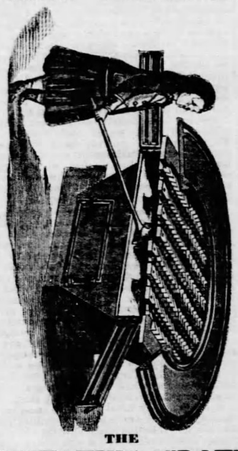

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NEW YORK, February 10, 1876.

The money market closed at 3a5; prime mercantile paper 4a6. The customs receipts were $197,000. The Assistant Treasurer disbursed $345,000. The clearings were $17,000,000. Sterling 485 3-4a489 1-4. Gold was steady at 112 7-8. The carrying rates were 2 to 3½. Governments were active and higher. Railroad bonds were strong at higher prices. State securities were quiet. Stocks opened firm and advanced, but afterwards became weak and declined. The widest fluctuations were in St. Pauls. Northwest shares were firm. Express stocks were strong. Towards the close the market was strong and higher, especially for western shares. St. Paul common advanced to 43, and preferred to 79¾. There is some talk about the proposed dividend on preferred being paid in cash, instead of bonds. Northwest rose to 42¾ for common and to 63¾ for preferred, closing at these figures. Lake Shore advanced to 66¾. Ohios to 29½, New York Central to 113¾, Union Pacific to 69, Rock Island to 109¼, Pacific Mail to 35¼, Western Union to 77¼, and Michigan Central to 60¾. Harlem was bid for as high as 138¾. New Jersey Central and Delaware, Lackawanna & Western were exceptionally weak, the former declining to 107 3-4 and the latter to 117 5-8. This decline is probably due to the coal failures or the strike. The transactions aggregated 103,000 shares, of which 4,000 were Pacific Mail, 15,000 Western Union, 10,000 Northwests, 19,000 St. Pauls, 37,000 Lake Shore, and 6,000 Ohios.

Governments.—U. S. coupons of 1881, 122½; 5-20s '65, 117½; do new, 119¾; do of '67, 121½; do of '68, 123; 10-40s, 117½; do coupons, 119½; new 5s, 117 3-4; currency sixes, 125¾.

State Bonds.—Tennessee, old, 44; do new, 42¾; Virginia new, 36½; do old, 38; Missouri 6s, 102¾.

Stocks.—Western Union Telegraph, 77¾; Pacific Mail, 35½; Adams Express, 110; Wells, Fargo Express, 89; American Express, 62; United States Express, 68¾; New York Central, 113¾; Erie, 16½; do preferred, 35; Harlem, 134½; do preferred, 134; Michigan Central, 60¾; Lake Shore, 66¾; Illinois Central, 94; Pittsburgh, 95; Northwestern common, 42½; do preferred, 63½; Rock Island, 109¾; New Jersey Central, 108¾; St. Paul, 43; do preferred, 79½; Wabash, 10½; do preferred, 19¾; Fort Wayne, 101; Terre Haute, 6½; do preferred, 22; Chicago & Alton, 104; do preferred, 109½; Ohio & Mississippi, 21½; Indiana Central, 106; Delaware & Lackawanna, 117¾; Burlington & Quincy, 119½; Hannibal & St. Joseph, 19½; Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph, 20½; Central Pacific, 106½; Union Pacific, 104½; Mariposa, 9; do preferred, 30; Missouri Pacific, 113½.

LONDON, February 10—5 P. M.—The bullion in the Bank of England increased £76,000 the past week. The proportion of bank reserve to liability is 42½ per cent. Consols: money 93 3-16; 5-20s of '65, 105½; do '67, 109½; 10-40s, 108½; new 5s, 106; New York Central, 92½; Erie, 15½; do preferred, 32.

PARIS, February 10.—Rentes, 68f 25c. The specie in the Bank of France increased 19,125,000 francs during the past week.

FRANKFORT, February 10.—U. S. new 5s, 101¾.

COMMERCIAL.

Condition of the Markets at Home and Abroad.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, THURSDAY, February 10, 1876.

Trade in general merchandise continues dull, unusually so for this season of the year, which may be attributed in part to the unfavorable weather and almost impassable condition of the country roads, but our merchants and manufacturers are hopeful that there will soon be a change for the better. The demand for almost everything is light, confined supplying immediate wants. In regard to values there have been no recent important changes.

APPLES—There is a continued steady demand, and we can report regular sales at $2a2 ¾ bbl for fair to choice. The stock is being steadily reduced, and it is thought does not exceed 2,000 to 2,500 bbls.

BEANS—The market continues in much the same condition as it has been for some time past; light demand and no change in prices—$1.20a1.25 ¾ bushel.

BUTTER—The market continues dull, excepting for strictly prime table Butter, and prices are weak and drooping—the soft weather appears to have cut down the demand. Sales of prime to choice rolls at 29a32; medium to good quotable at 24a28; common at 18a22. The advices from the east continue unfavorable, and there is no demand from that quarter that we hear of.

BROOMS—Quotations for "Union factory" remain the same, as follows:

No 2 common Brooms	$2.00
No 3 Hurl	2.25
No 4 Hurl	2.50
No 5 Hurl	3.25
No 6 Hurl	3.50
No 3 carpet	4.00
No 4 carpet	4.75
No 5 carpet	4.25
Stock Braid (56)	3.00
Stock Braid (48)	2.50
Whisps, 6, 8 and 10 inch	1.25a1.75 per dozen
Toy Brooms	1.00a1.50 "

CRANBERRIES—$11a12 ¾ bbl.

CHEESE—There is a steady jobbing demand, and the market is firmer but unchanged; we continue to quote at 13¾a14c for prime Ohio Factory, and 14a14½c for ditto New York. A New York exchange of Wednesday says: The most noticeable feature in cheese is the large increase in shipments, and the purchase of the Markfield factory (Cattaraugus county combination) of 3,000 fancy September cheese, on order, by L. D. Snell & Co., at 13¾c, at the factory. It is understood that a competition run the prices above what other fine cheese are worth. Still the market is certainly stronger and holders are firm in their views of fine goods. Some few sales are being made at 14c, but the great bulk of last week's transactions were at 13a13½c, shippers generally taking medium cheese. While the cable quotes 58s, returns of 60s and upward are quite frequent. Of course, it is impossible to represent the price of cheese with a single quotation. Shipments of cheese from January 1st amount to about 80,000, and allowing 5,000 per week for home use, we have 123,000 boxes. Deduct receipts of about 54,000 and it leaves 60,000 boxes to be deducted from the stock, which is considered a very satisfactory showing. We could instance somewhat from sales of good to fine cheese at 12a13¾c, with some few at 13¾c, and a few at 14c, in a retail way, though it is rumored that shippers have paid the latter price this P. M

CANNED GOODS—Following are the prevailing jobbing rates:

2 lb Blackberries	$2 55	2 lb Bartlett Pears..	$3 00
2 lb Riseberries	2 00	2 lb Common Pears..	2 00
2 lb White Cherries	2 75	2 lb Pine Apple.....	2 00
2 lb Red Cherries....	2 00	2 lb Quinces	2 00
2 lb Gooseberries	1 50	2 lb Raspberries.....	2 75
2 lb Green Gages	2 00	2 lb Strawberries	2 00
2 lb Egg Plums.....	3 00	2 lb Lima Beans.....	2 00
2 lb Damson Plums ..	2 50	2 lb String Beans	1 50
2 lb Peaches	1 75	2 lb Winslow's Corn.	2 25
3 lb Peaches	2 25	2 lb Peas.....	2 25
3 lb pie Peaches	1 00	3 lb Tomatoes	1 65

DRESSED HOGS—8a8¾c.

DRIED FRUIT—There is no improvement in the demand, which is remarkably light for this season of the year, but it is probable that there soon will be. Apples quoted at 5a6c for prime bright quarters and 2a2½c for sliced. Peaches, 12a13c for prime halves; peeled, 19a20c. Blackberries, 12a13c. Pitted Cherries, 25a26c; unpitted, 7a8c.

EGGS—The market continues very dull, and prices have dropped 1a2c ¾ dozen with the past few days—we now quote fresh at 15a16c. New York market also reported very dull—western quoted at 18a19c, with an oversupply.

FLOUR—There is a very fair local demand for good stock, but outside or unknown brands, especially of winter wheat, are hard to move, except when inducement in the shape of very low prices are held out. No change to report in prices; spring wheat hours, $6,00 to 6,25 for Wisconsins and $6,25a6,50 for Minnesotas; red winters, $6a7; amber, $7,00a7,50; fancy white wheat brands, $8a9. Rye Flour, $5,25a5,25. Buckwheat Flour is in large supply and very dull—2½a2¾c ¾ lb.

GROCERIES—Coffee continues very dull, and while there has been no perceptible decline within the past day or two, the general position of the market—situation, if you particularly—warrants the prediction that prices are destined to rule still lower. The visible supply is larger than it has been for several years, and jobbers, in consequence, are carrying just as little stock as they can possibly help. Our New Orleans dispatch reports both Sugar and Molasses dull. Syrups have declined 7a10c ¾ gallon within the past month or so, and it may be attributed in part to the low price of New Orleans Molasses.

RICE.			
Carolina	7¾@8	Louisiana.....	6¾@ 7
SYRUPS.			
Choice.....	45 @48	Fair.....	45 @5
Prime	55 @60	Dark.....	42 @45
MOLASSES.			
N.O. choice.	.63	N.O. strictly prime....	.60
Cuba	.75	Demarara	.50@55
SOAPS.			
Best Wax.....	7¾	Babbitt's Best, per box.....	7 25
Superior Wax..	6¾		
Woman's Friend	5¾	White Russian, per box.....	6 00
Duchess, per box	3 50		
SUGARS.			
Cut Loaf.....	12	Standard A....	10¾
Crushed.....	11¾	Standard Ex C	10
Granulated.....	11	Refined Yellows	8¾@ 9½
Powdered	11¾	N.O. new crop.	8 @ 9
Standard A....	10¾		
COFFEES.			
Fancy Rio.....	24	R. Rio, lb pkgs	27
Prime Rio.....	23 @23½	R. Rio, loose.	26½
Good Rio.....	21 @22	Roasted Java,..	34
Old Gov. Java..	34		
TEAS.			
Young Hyson.	45 @1 00	Japan	40 @ 85
Gunpowder ...	60 @1 10	Oolong.....	35 @ 85
Hyson	80 @1 00	Souchong...	35 @ 75

GRAIN—The grain markets continue quiet, and, in a general way, present nothing particularly new or important—the inquiry, as a rule, is for small lots to supply immediate necessities, while prices have varied but little for a week or more past. Prime to choice Penna., Ohio and Indiana Wheat quotable at $1,30a 1.35 for red winter, and medium to fair, $1,15a1,25. Milling lots are scarce and firm, with no quotable change, hence it commands very full prices, while sprung wheat, on the other hand, is very dull. The Oat market is steady, with a light supply; prices unchanged—Penna. and Ohio mixed, 40a41c; do white, 42a43c—prime western white, 43½a44c. Corn quiet and unchanged at 50a52c on track, for good high mixed to prime yellow; sells, 45a46c. Rye quiet and nominally unchanged at 80a82c.

HOMINY—$3,75a4 ¾ barrel.

HAY—There is only a fair demand, but with a light supply, prices are fully maintained; Upland prairie—on track—$12a14; timothy, $17a19, according to quality and condition. Loose from country wagons, $17a22.

MILL FEED—There is no improvement to report in the demand and no change in prices. Bran, $14a15; Seconds and Shipstuffs, $16a18; Middlings and Chopped Feed, $20a24, as to quality.

ONIONS—$1a1,50 ¾ bbl. in a jobbing way.

POTATOES—The market continues dull, but unchanged—quotable at 40a45c ¾ bushel out of store in a small way, and 35a37 on track.

POULTRY—Dressed Chickens, 12a13c ¾ lb; live do., 9a10c; ¾ pair; dressed Turkeys, 14a15c.

PROVISIONS—The general tone of the market is easier, but prices have undergone no change.

Hams—Extra S. C. per lb.....	14½	Do. half barrels.	¼
Shoulders, Ex. S. C.	10¾	Lard, Ref. for summer use, in tierces —	
B'fast Bacon, S. C.	14¾	Do. in ¾ bbls.	¼
Drief Beef, Ex. Sugar Cured, ...	16½	Do. in buckets	14¾
Beef Tongues, S. C. per doz.	6.50	Do. 3 lb cadillas	16¾
Bacon Shoulders	9¾	Do. 5 lb do	16¾
Rib Sides	9¾	Do. 6 lb do	16¾
Short Rib do.....	13	Ham Sausage.	9
Clear Sides.....	13¾	Carbon Oil.....	—
Mess Pork, per bbl.	$21.75	Cheese.....	—
Family Mess Pork.	21.75	Pig's Feet, in kegs.	2.00
Short Cut "	21.75	Do. do, ¾ bbls.	4.10
Lard, Prime Leaf in tierces, per lb....	13¾	Do. do, bbls., ...	9.00

SEEDS—Clover Seed is quoted firm at $9a9,25 ¾ bu. Timothy easier at $2,65a2,85.

RAGS—Steady at 3c ¾ lb for good country mixed.

TALLOW—Chandlers Tallow—city rendered, 9¾a 10c; country do., 8¾a9c.

PITTSBURGH PETROLEUM MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, THURSDAY, February 10, 1876.

The Crude market continues weak, and prices, as compared with yesterday, have still further declined, with a downward tendency; the bears appear to have had it pretty much their own way during the past day or two, and it is scarcely necessary to add that they are bearing with all their might and main. As long as prices continued to advance there were more buyers than sellers; now, however, that the course of the market has been reversed there are but few buyers. Our latest advices quote United certificates at $1,81¾a 1,82¾; immediate shipment at $2; barge oil, delivered here, was offered at $2,15. There has been a decline within the past three days of fully 60 ¾ bbl. Refined dull and nominal at 10¾a10¾c on cars here, and 14c for Philadelphia delivery.

Oil barrels continue quiet and unchanged; city make quoted at $1,20a1,25; countries, $1,10a1,15.

SHIPMENTS CRUDE OIL VIA. A. V. R. R.

Shipper.	Consignee.	Bbls.
S. M. Robinson.....	Central's w	241
G. M. Robinson.....	Bly's Ref.....	74
Total		315

SHIPMENTS OF REFINED OIL EAST PER ALLEGHENY VALLEY RAILROAD.

Standard Oil Co.....	Warden F. & Co..... 872
W. P. Logan	" 76
Hollister & Co.....	Do. 855
Livingston Bros.....	J. Green & Co..... 82
Total	2,479

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Shipper.	Consignee.	Bbls.
H. S. A. Stewart.....	J. S. Davis.....	250
W. P. Logan	"	76
Livingston Bros	Warden, F. & Co	149
Standard Oil Wks	Do.	202
Lockhart & Frew.....	Do.	156
Total		997

PITTSBURGH DRUG MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, THURSDAY, Feb. 10, 1876.

Corrected by HARRIS & EWING, Wholesale Druggists, corner Liberty and Tenth streets.

Acac., sorts ¶	20a 30	Oil. Anise..	$2.50a3.70 lb
2d sorts.....	35a 40	Bergam...	5.00a5.50
1st select..	40a 50	Cassia	2.00a2.20 lb
Acid. Citric.	1.05a1.12 lb	Castor	16 a19 lb
Oxalic....	17a 20	Lemon	2.25a4.50 lb
Tartaric ..	54a 59 lb	Linseed R	65a65 gal
Alcohol.....	2.18a2.35 gal	Linseed B	65a70 gal
Annatto....	45a 50 lb	Neatsfoot..	90a1.30 gal
A Barb	40a 50 lb	Olive.	1.25a2.00doz
Socot		Qts	6.25a6.50doz
Alum.....	3¼a 4¾ lb	" Pts	3.25a3.50doz
Amm., Aq.	8a 12 lb	Orange..	3.50a4.00 lb
Carb	20a 22 lb	Origanum	70a1.20 lb
Arnica, Flor	20a 22 lb	Pennyroyl	2.25 lb
Assafoetida	25a 30 lb	Peppermint	5.00a5.50 lb
Bals. Copaib	60a 65 lb	Sassafras..	85a90 lb
Canada	1.00a1.10	Wintergr's	4.00a4.5 lb
Bay Rum....	2.75a4.00 gal	Pot. Bi Carb	35 lb
Bis. Sub car	2.75a3.00 lb	Bi Chrom	21a22 lb
Sub nit....	2.00a2.25 lb	Bromide	75a 85 lb
Blue Mass....	70 lb	Chlorate..	32a 40 lb
Vitriol	11a12 lb	Iodid	2.75a3.00 lb
Borax, ref'd	14a 17 lb	Quinine	2.30a2.40 oz
Brim., fresh	4a 4½ lb	Rochl. Gent.	8 a12 lb
Flor. sulp.	5a 6 lb	Gin. E. I.	18 lb
Buchu.....	16a 18 lb	Gin. Jam.	24a30 lb
Calcined Mg	1.25 lb	Jalap P....	1.88 lb
Camphor ref	30a 34 lb	Jalap P....	85 lb
Camwood..	8a 9 lb	Rhubarb ..	1.00a1.50 lb
Chamo. Ger	50 lb	" Pow	1.00a1.50 lb
Rota	36 lb	Sar. Hond	58 lb
Chlorol Hyd	2.50 lb	Sar. Mex.	28 28 lb
Chlorofor....	1.00a1.15 lb	Senega	1.20 lb
Cincho. Pale	70a 80 lb	Spigelia ..	38 lb
Red.....	1.20a1.80 lb	Val. Eng.	45 lb
Yellow	20a 40 lb	" Ger.	25 lb
Cochineal ..	75a 85 lb	Saffron Am.	60a1.00 lb
Copperas ..	2a 3 lb	Sal Ammon	16a 18 lb
Cream Tar..	46a 48 lb	Epsom.....	3a 5 lb
Cubebs	15a 20 lb	Glauber ..	2½a 4 lb
Cuttlebone	25a 30 lb	Rochelle ..	38 lb
Ergot.....	1.50 lb	Soda.....	2a 3½ lb
Ether, Nit.	40a 45 lb	Seed. Can'y	17a 18 lb
Sulp.	75 lb	Cardam ..	2.50 lb
Ex. Logwd	12½a14 lb	Hemp	7¼a 8 lb
Liqu. Cal.	28a 45 lb	Mustard ..	8a 10 lb
Ital	30a 35 lb	Senna, Alex	22a 25 lb
Fustic.....	3a 4 lb	" E. In.	17a 25 lb
Glycer. Pure	20a 30 lb	Tinnev	28 lb
Howers'	65 lb	Shellac	57a 70 lb
Indigo, Mad	1.00a1.20 lb	Soap, Castile	11a 14 lb
" S.F.	1.10a1.20 lb	White	18a 21 lb
Iodine.....	4.00a4.25 lb	Soda Ash...	4a 6 lb
Iodoform....	85 oz	Bi Carb....	5a 6 lb
Juniper Ber	7a 9 lb	Strych. Cry.	2.55a3.00 oz
Logwood	12½a 15 lb	Pulv.....	2.80a2.75 oz
Madder	12a 17 lb	Sugar Lead.	22a 28 lb
Magnes, Cal	80a1.00 lb	Turpen.spts	45a 50 gal
Carb.	30a 35 lb	Var. Coach	1.80a4.00 gal
Manna, Fla.	80 lb	Copal	1.25a2.00 gal
Morph. Sul.	4.40a4.60oz	Damar	1.30a1.90 gal
Nit. Silver.	96 oz	Japan	1.10 gal
Opium	6.60a6.80 lb	Venet. Red	2½a 4½ lb
Powd.....	9.25a9.40 lb	Whiting....	¾a 2¼ lb

New York Wool Market.

The general market presents rather a dull front; the late business was of that aggregate to supply the wants of manufacturers for the present, consequently their purchases are very small; the general scale of prices, however, remains the same; the moderate stocks prevent any decline, and in some instances considerable firmness is noticeable, on fleece wools especially; Pulled Wools alone are fairly active, mostly city stock, and full late figures are obtained. Foreign wools are unchanged and quiet. In reviewing the past month, a trade circular says: The general expectation throughout was that, with the new year, people would take heart, and that an improvement in the amount of business, if not an advance in prices, would be the result. But the frequent failures and defalcations of individuals and mercantile concerns in high standing have seriously impaired confidence and restricted transactions to very nearly a cash basis. In consequence of this feeling of insecurity many buyers who heretofore, by reason of the credit allowed them, were enabled to take advantage of the better selections attainable at this season, or to stock up beyond the clip, are now constrained to provide only for their immediate wants. The apparently small amount of business done has repressed the sanguine feelings of dealers, so that, when opportunity offers, the desire to sell to good parties prompts them to accept a fair offer. It is quite apparent that the stock of all grades of fleeces, particularly of the better class is being steadily reduced, and we think that manufacturers can safely operate, with the idea that values will not decline until stocks are augmented by fresh arrivals. California wools have met with moderate inquiry. Oregon wools—Holders show a little disposition to yield in price, and we look for more trade in this class during the coming month. They supply satisfactorily the place of medium fleeces, and are popular with manufacturers when the price enables them to buy advantageously. Nevada wools do not attract much attention. Texas wools—Receipts moderate; demand fair. In Colorado wools but little has been done, stocks being too small. Foreign wools—Transactions have been principally in carpet stock. We append quotations:

Washed fleece—XXX and Picklock 48a47c; XX and X 40a43c; Nos. 1 and 2, 38a45c; Combing, 39a42c; Unwashed 45a55c.

California unwashed—Spring Clip 29a32c; Fall clip 14a25c.

Pulled wool—Domestic, extra, 40a47c; super 33a 46c; No. 1 30a37c; No. 2, 12a15c; Lambs 5 3a35c; western 30a40c; Southern 2 a35c; California 23a30c.

Oregon, Western and Southern States—Unwashed Clothing, average quality, 30a35c; unwashed combing do, 40a45c.

PITTSBURGH LIVE STOCK MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, THURSDAY, February 10, 1876.

ARRIVALS.

The following shows the arrivals of each day during the week, as well as the aggregate, and the aggregate of the preceding week:

	Cattle. Through.	Loc'l.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Friday.....	38 cars.	12 cars.	8 cars.	1 cars.
Saturday.....	51 "	— "	10 "	6 "
Sunday	34 "	11 "	26 "	28 "
Monday	— "	31 "	7 "	11 "
Tuesday	10 "	70 "	24 "	34 "
Wednesday	— "	32 "	23 "	12 "
Thursday.....	— "	14 "	14 "	6 "
Total.....	128 "	162 "	112 "	98 "
Last week	160 "	233 "	120 "	74 "

CATTLE.

The receipts during the week under review, were light as compared with the preceding week, both of local and through consignments, and with a light supply the market was firmer, and turned out better than was generally expected in view of the soft weather which always curtails the demand more or less. In regard to prices, there was a difference of opinion; some operators reported common and medium grades as having been dull at last week's prices and good to prime 20a25c higher; others just the reverse; others reported an advance all around on all grades, while others, again, while admitting that the market was more active and that in some instances better prices may have been realized, claimed that there was no general advance. We are satisfied, however, that the market was considerably better than that of last week, both as regards demand and prices, but it was owing to the very light supply, not to any improvement in the demand. Had the supply been as large as that of last week, there is reason to believe that the market would have been fully as bad if not worse, as there was nothing in the character of the arrivals either from the east or west to cause an improvement, and furthermore it is claimed that the most of cattle bought here las week lost money for their owners.

QUOTATIONS.

Choice 1,450a1,500 steers.....	6.25a6.50
Prime 1,300a1,400 steers.....	5.75a6.00
Good 1,100a1,200 steers.....	4.75a5.25
Good 1,000a1,040 steers.....	4.00a4.25
Cows, Bulls and Stags.....	3.00a4.00
Veal Calves.....	6.00a7.00

Philadelphia buyers bought 75 cars this week, against 65 preceding week; New York, 18 cars against same number; and country dealers and butchers 28 cars against 49 cars preceding week; total sales, 2,290; preceding week, 2,211. There were not near as many shipped on in first hands as last week, and some of these who shipped on last week, we understood, would have done a great deal better had they sold out here, as they lost more money by so doing.

HOGS.

The market has held up better than could reasonably be expected under existing circumstances; the advices from the east were not very encouraging and then the weather has been warm and wet, and was not without its effect in curtailing the demand; however, the arrivals have been meagre and notwithstanding the drawbacks in question, prices have been pretty well sustained. Yorkers were a little offish yesterday, but there was a better feeling to-day, caused by an increased demand, and the decline of yesterday fully recovered. The demand for Philadelphia hogs has been light all week, but with a very meagre supply, prices have been pretty well maintained, and the market for all grades was steady to-day at the following

QUOTATIONS.

Philadelphia Hogs.....	5,25a5,65
York Hogs.....	7,00a7,85
Roughs.....	6,00a6,50

SHEEP.

The supply, especially of the common and medium grades, was considerably larger than last week, while of those grading prime to extra the offerings were not in excess of the demand, hence while prices for the former declined from ¼ to ¾c, or a cent ¶ lb, the latter brought almost, if not altogether, as much as they did last week. The fact is, the demand was mainly for the better grades, while the offerings were mostly common, and this explains the course of the market in regard to prices—the decline on the one hand, full prices on the other. Trade was a little tame to-day, as it frequently is on Thursday when the most of the buyers have bought all they want, and when we left the yards there were three or four cars remaining unsold.

QUOTATIONS.

Extra 140a180 lbs.....	6.50a7.00
Prime 120a140 lbs.....	5.50a6.00
Good 85a90 lbs.....	8.00a5.25
Fair 75a80 lbs.....	4.25a4.50
Common 70a75 lbs.....	3.50a4.00
Indianas, according to quality.....	3.50a6.00

TEXAS CATTLE—THE DRIVE FOR 1876.

Concerning the Texas cattle drive for 1876, the Cheyenne *Leader* has the following: Late and reliable advices from Texas are that cattle are scarcer in that State now than ever before. A steamship company running a line between Rockport and Havana has a contract to furnish 1,500 head per week to Havana dealers, which item has caused an advance in prices. The drive of this year will, however, be about the same as that of 1875, which was nearly 500,000. About 125,000 are already contracted for. Cattle are very high in price. Yearling steers are valued at $8.00, two-year-olds at $15.00, and four-year-olds at $20.00. A letter from Fort Griffin states that no yearling steers can be bought in that vicinity for less than $6.00 per head. They may be a little cheaper in the spring, but it is doubtful. Cattle are now as high in Northern Texas as in Colorado. Good fat cows

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Chicago.

CHICAGO, February 10, 1876.

FLOUR—Steady and unchanged.

GRAIN—Wheat dull; No. 2 Chicago spring $1,04 spot; $1,02¾ seller March; $1,07 seller May; No. 3 83¾@83¾c; rejected 71c. Corn quiet and steady; No. 2 mixed 41¾c spot; 41¾c seller March; 42¾@42¾c seller April; rejected 32c. Oats quiet and firm; No. 2 31½c spot; 32¼c seller March. Barley steady at 74 @75c spot; 69½c seller March. Rye dull and unchanged.

PROVISIONS—Pork dull at $20,70@20,72½ spot; $20,85 seller March; $21,15 seller April; $20,45 seller May. Lard steady and in fair demand; $12,42½@ 12,65 spot; $12,75@12,80 seller March; $13,05@13,10 seller May. Bulk meats quiet and unchanged.

WHISKY—$1,06.

On Call Board wheat was strong and higher at $1,03¾ February; $1,04 March; $1,08¾ May. Corn higher at 41¾@42c March. Oats unchanged. Pork active and higher; $20,19 March; $20,17½ April. Lard active and higher; $12,70 March; $11,85 April.

New York.

NEW YORK, February 10.—Flour: receipts 9,000 bbls; a shade firmer; superfine western and State $4,35@4,70; common to good $5,00@5,80; good to choice do $5,85@6,00; white wheat extra $6,90@7,75; extra Ohio $5,65@7,25; St. Louis $5,30@9,00. Rye flour firmer at $4,10@5,05. Corn meal steady at $4,25@4,35. Wheat: receipts 16,000 bush; better and more doing; rejected $1,06@1,07; No. 1 spring $1,34@ 1,36; No. 2 Milwaukee store $1,26; No. 2 winter red western $1,23; amber Pennsylvania $1,43. Rye quiet; western 88@89c; State 90@92c. Barley and malt quiet. Corn: receipts 34,000 bush; moderate demand and unchanged. Oats: receipts 21,000 bush; more active; western mixed State 46@50c; white 49@53c. Hay firm at 80@85c. Hops quiet. Coffee quiet at 16@18c. Molasses: fair demand; unchanged. Rice quiet. Petroleum firm; crudes 9½c; refined 14c; cases 18¾@21c; naphtha 9@9¼c. Tallow firm at 9¼@ 9 5-16c. Rosin firm at $7,50@8,00. Turpentine quiet at 36c. Eggs lower; western 16½@17c; State and Pennsylvania 18c. Pork firmer at $22,12½c. Beef unchanged. Cut meats: western dull; middles firm; western long clear 11¾@11¾c. Lard firmer; prime steam $12,95. Butter: choice firm; medium dull; western 15@25c; State 20@26c. Cheese 8@12½c. Whisky a shade firmer; $1,13.

Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, February 10.—Petroleum quiet; refined 14¼@14¾c; crude 11¾@11¾c. Clover seed 14@14½c. Flour in good request; extra $4,50; high grades $7@4,50. Wheat fairly active; Pennsylvania red $1,38@1,39; amber $1,42@1,42½. Corn in good demand; yellow dry 57½@58c; white 60@61c. Oats firmly held; white 48@49c. Whisky: western $1,11. Butter firm; New York and Bradford county extra 34@35c; do firsts 28@31c. Cheese firm; New York 12¾@13¾c; western fine 12¾@13c. Eggs firm; western fresh 18@19c.

Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, February 10.—Flour steady and unchanged. Wheat quiet; Pennsylvania red $1,34 @1,39. Corn firm; western mixed 51@52c; Pennsylvania do 53@54c. Oats steady; western mixed 44@46c. Rye quiet at 78@79c. Pork $22. Bulk shoulders 8¼@ 8¾c; clear rib 11¾@11¾c loose. Bacon: shoulders 9¾@10c; clear rib 13c. Hams 15¾@16c. Lard steady at 13¾c. Butter firm; western extra 24@26c; fresh 29@32c. Petroleum easier; refined 14¼@14¾c; crude 9¼c. Whisky $1,12.

Toledo.

TOLEDO, February 10.—Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat steady and in moderate demand; No. 2 white Wabash $1,40; No. 1 white Michigan $1,28½; extra white Michigan $1,41; amber Michigan $1,28½; No. 2 Amber $1,26¾; No. 2 Michigan red winter $1,25. Corn: demand fair and market firm; high mixed 48c; seller March 48½c; seller April 49c; seller May 51c; low mixed 46c; no grade 45c; damaged 42c. Oats quiet and firm; No. 2 36c; Michigan 37½c.

Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, February 10.—Cotton firm at 12¾c. Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat dull at $1,23@1,27. Corn firmer at 46@44c. Oats steady at 38@45c. Barley quiet and unchanged. Rye quiet and firm at 80. Pork steady; nominally $21,75. Lard dull; steam $12,25@12,30; kettle $12,37½. Bacon firm; shoulders 8¾@8¾c; clear rib 11¾c; clear 11¾c. Bacon firm at 9¾, 9¾, 12¾@12¾c. Whisky quiet and steady at $1,05.

Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, February 10.—Cotton dull at 12¾c. Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat firm at $1,10 @1,25. Corn firm at 46c. Oats quiet and firm at 38@ 40c. Rye quiet at 82c. Pork $22. Bulk meats 8, 8¾, 11¾, 11¾@11¾c. Bacon 9¾, 9¾, 12¾@12¾c. Sug

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gentleman suppose that the bonds owned by banks, and on deposit in the Treasury, will be exchanged for legal tenders of a new and inflated issue? Those bonds are payable, principal and interest, in gold; and, with the present amount of legal-tender notes, they are worth in the market $1.16 to $1.25. What will they be worth in paper money when you double the amount of legal-tenders and postpone the day of specie resumption far beyond the vision of prophet or seer? And this enormous issue of legal-tenders to take the place of bank notes is only the begining of the policy to be inaugurated. The "wants of trade" would speedily demand another issue, for the essential nature of an irredeemable currency is that it has no limit till a reaction is born of crushing disaster. A lesson might be learned (by those willing to be taught by facts and experience) from the course of events during the war. When we had one hundred and fifty millions of legal-tender in circulation, it stood for a long while nearly at par with gold. As the issue increased in amount the depreciation was very rapid, and at the time we fixed the four hundred million limit, that whole vast sum had less purchasing power in exchange for lands, or houses, or merchandise, than the hundred and fifty millions had two years before. In the spring of 1862, $150,000,000 of legal tender would buy in the market $147,000,000 in gold coin. In June, 1864, $400,000,000 of legal-tender would buy only $140,000,000 in gold coin.

And if we had not fixed the four-hundred-million limit, but had gone on issuing additional amounts according to the "wants of trade," as now urged and urged by the modern Democratic financiers, the result would have been that at each successive inflation the purchasing power of the aggregate mass would have been made less, and the value of the whole would have gone down, down, till it reached that point of utter worthlessness which so many like experiments have reached before; and the legal-tender, with all its vast capacity for good in a great national crisis, would have taken its place in history alongside of the French assignat and the Continental currency. The four-hundred-million limit happily saved us that direful experience, and at once caused the legal-tender to appreciate; but, unwilling to learn by this striking fact, the inflationists insist upon a scheme of expansion which would speedily raise the price of bonds to unprecedented figures, and by the time they should succeed in purchasing those that now stand as security for National bank circulation they would have increased the National debt by countless millions, and instead of making a saving for the Treasury they would end by depriving it of the eight millions of tax annually paid by the banks, and the people would have lost the additional eight millions of local tax derived from the same source.

I have not spoken of the confusion, the distress, the ruin that would result from forcing twenty-one hundred banks suddenly to wind up their affairs with nearly a thousand millions of dollars of loans them, which in some form must needs be liquidated and paid. The commercial fabric of the country rests upon the bank credits, and nothing short of financial lunacy could demand their rude disturbance. Whoever would strike down the banks under the delusion that they can be driven to surrender their bonds for inflated legal-tenders, knows little of the laws of finance and still less of the laws of human nature.

Among the anomalies presented in the currency discussion, Mr. Chairman, is that the West and the South should have so large an element clamorous for inflation. Of all sections interested in the specie standard the West and the South stand first. The great staples produced in those vast and fertile regions, wheat, corn, flour, beef, pork, hides, tobacco, hemp, cotton, rice, and sugar, are inevitably and peremptorily subjected to the gold standard when sold. The price of cotton sent to Lowell is just as much determined by the gold standard as that which is exported to Manchester, and the breadstuffs sold in New York are daily equated with the prices of the Liverpool corn exchange. And so of all the other commodities. And yet we hear representatives of the great interests that are thus compelled to sell at gold prices, resolute and determined in their demands that they shall be allowed to purchase all their supplies on the paper basis. When it is remembered that the whole of the annual crop in this country, reckoning all products, reaches the enormous amount of three thousand millions on the gold basis, and that the surplus not cousumed by the producers is many hundreds of millions of dollars, and that the value of the whole is estimated solely by the gold standard, the farmer of the country may find profitable food for reflection in calculating what the agricultural interest loses every year by an irredeemable paper currency.

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When the National Government was organized in 1789 the most liberal estimate of the property of the entire thirteen States placed it at six hundred millions of dollars—less than the wealth of Boston or Chicago to-day. The population was four millions, showing a property of one hundred and fifty dollars to each inhabitant. By the census of 1870 our population had increased to thirty-eight millions and our wealth to thirty thousand millions, showing eight hundred dollars *per capita* for the whole people. Our population had increased in the eighty intervening years not quite tenfold, but our wealth had increased fifty-fold. The patriots of 1790, with their slender resources, did not hesitate to assume a national debt of ninety millions of dollars, being more than one-seventh of their entire possessions; and it never occurred to them that an abandonment of the specie basis would make their burden lighter. They knew from their terrible experience with a continental currency that all their evils would be fatally increased by a resort to paper money. And in their poverty, with no accumulated capital, with manufactures in feeblest infancy, with commerce undeveloped, with low prices for their agricultural products, they maintained the gold and silver standard, they paid their great debt, they grew rich in property which we inherited, but far richer in that bright, unsullied honor which they also bequeathed to us.

To-day, the total debts of the American people, national, State and municipal, are not so large in proportion to the aggregate property as was the national debt alone in 1790. And when we take into the account the relative productive power of the two periods, our present burdens are absolutely inconsiderable. When we reflect what the railway, the telegraph, the cotton-gin, and our endless mechanical inventions and agencies have done for us in the way of increasing our capacity for producing wealth, we should be ashamed to pretend that we cannot bear larger burdens than our ancestors. And remember, Mr. Chairman, that our wealth from 1790 to 1870 increased more than five times as rapidly as our population and that the same development is even now progressing with a continually accelerating ratio. Remember, also, that the annual income and earnings of our people are larger than those of any other European country, larger than those of England, or France, or Russia, or the German Empire. The English people stand next to us, but we are largely in advance of them. The annual income of our entire people exceeds six thousand millions in gold, and despite financial reverses and revulsions is steadily increasing.

In view of these facts, it would be an unpardonable moral weakness in our people—always heroic when heroism is demanded—to doubt their own capacity to maintain specie payment. I am not willing, myself, to acknowledge that as a people we are less honorable, less courageous, or less competent than were our ancestors in 1790; still less am I ready to own that the people of the entire Union have not the pluck and the capacity of our friends and kinsmen in California; and last of all would I confess that the United States of America, with forty-four millions of inhabitants, with a territory surpassing all Europe in area, and I might almost say all the world in fertility of resources, are not able to do what a handful of British subjects, scattered from Cape Race to Vancouver's Island, can do so easily, so steadily, and so successfully.

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Our work, our fabrics, our commodities, are all measured by it, and so long as we cling to irredeemable paper we have all the burdens and disadvantages of the gold standard, with none of its aids and gains and profits. "The thing which hath been is that which shall be." The great law-giver of antiquity records in every opening chapter of Genesis that "the gold of the land in Havilah is good." And, with another precious metal, it has maintained its rank to this city. No nation has ever succeeded in establishing any other standard of value; no nation has ever made the experiment except at great cost and sorrow, and the advocates of irredeemable money to-day are but asking us to travel the worn and weary road, traveled so many times before—a road that has always ended in disaster and often in disgrace."

Mr. TARBOX replied to Mr. Blaine in a short speech denunciatory of the Republican party and its policy.

After further discussion the committee then proceeded to consider the bill by sections for amendment.

Mr. CRITTENDEN moved to strike out the paragraph making an appropriation for the salaries of the Ministers to France, England, Russia and Germany. Rejected.

Mr. HALE moved to amend the paragraph by increasing the salary of those Ministers from $12,000 to $17,000.

After discussion the amendment was rejected and the salaries of these Ministers are left at $14,000. No amendment was offered to the next paragraph, fixing the salaries of the Ministers to Spain, Austria, Brazil, Japan and China at $10,000, and they remained thus fixed.

Without further action the committee rose and the House adjourned.

"CROOKED" WHISKY.

The Trial of Gen. Babcock.

ST. LOUIS, February 10.—In the trial of General Babcock to-day the first witness put upon the stand was William J. Bassett, a ganger in the ring. Bassett testified as to the operations which came under his observation in 1874 and the winter and spring of 1875. He acknowledged that, in pursuance of instructions from superior officers, he connived at frauds white at Bevis & Frazer's rectifying house, and used to find on Saturday evenings an envelope in his overcoat pocket containing from $100 to $200.

Two whisky barrel heads with the gauger's stamps upon them were produced in Court, and the stub books from which the stamps were taken. On comparison it was shown that in each case the stamp on the barrel registered the contents as forty-six and one-half proof gallons, while the corresponding stub reported only five proof gallons to the Collector for taxation.

The witness also explained what is known among the revenue officers as "Form 122," and told how the disposition of illicit whisky was covered at the distilleries.

Bassatt was followed on the stand by Abjah Everest, who testified that he became the collector for the ring in August, 1874, and continued in that capacity as an assistant in May, 1875. The collections during that time ran as follows each week: Ulrici's distillery, $1,200; Bingham's, $500; Dunlap, Jones & Co., $600 to $700; Chouteau's, $500 to $1,100; Bevis & Frazer's, $1,000 to $2,700. Coming down to the spring of 1875, either late in February or early in March, Everest said Joyce once sent him to the Subtreasury with a package of one thousand dollars in small bills to get two five hundred dollar bills. He brought them back, and Joyce put them in envelopes and told him to take them across the street and put them in the letter box.

Witness said he did so, and was asked if he observed the directions on the letters.

Before he could answer the defense interposed an objection, claiming that the prosecution were now trying to show that Babcock's name was on one of these letters, and that the evidence was not competent. A long argument ensued.

At the afternoon session Mr. Everest was recalled to the stand. He testified: Col. Joyce handed me two envelopes, and directed me to put them in the letter box. I did so. Col. Joyce was watching me from the window of his office. I was fearing him. I could see him watching me; saw the directions on the letters. The envelope was addressed to Avery, Washington, D. C., and the other to Gen. O. E. Babcock, Washington, D. C. Each of them had "Personal" on the left hand corner. They were ordinary envelopes, and had no printed matter on them or other directions except what I have stated. They had a postage stamp on them. I did not see Joyce any more that day. I left the city on June 10, 1875, and went to New York, and from there to Liverpool. I left Liverpool last Christmas, and arrived in New York on the 7th of January. I never saw Gen. Babcock before this trial began.

Cross-examined by Mr. Storrs—I have been in this city since January 20th. I cannot tell the month in which I mailed the letters. It was either February or March, 1875, but I am not positive. I think it was in the latter part of February or early part of March. I got the money first from the Supervisor's office. Col. Joyce stood in front of me when he put the two five hundred dollar bills in the envelopes. The envelopes were on the table when I handed him two five hundred dollar bills. I then sat down at his desk and was watching him attentively. He first took the two envelopes up, took the paper out of one of the envelopes and put the bill in. I did not see him put the other five hundred dollar bill in the envelope. I am not positive that he did put it in. Whether it was the letter directed to Babcock or to Avery that he put the bill in I can't say. When I went to Liverpool I had no special business there except to look about and enjoy myself. I knew I was in the whisky ring, and wanted to keep out of trouble. I went to Liverpool, and a friend of mine in Liverpool. I then went to Rome, where I received a letter from my brother to return home. He did not tell me it was safe for me to come, and I did not think it safe to return. I met Col. McFall when I landed in New York, but the meeting was accidental. From New York I went to Philadelphia where I met District-Attorney Dyer. He came to see me. I told him just what I have testified to. I told Col. Dyer since I came here what I would testify to on the stand. I think I could not be positive which envelope Joyce put the five hundred dollar bill into. There has been no pressure to make me remember that there was a five hundred dollar bill put in. I was before the grand jury, and on my direct examination I said I presumed the second five hundred dollar bill was put in the other envelope as well as in the one I saw.

REVERDY JOHNSON.

Sudden Death of the Great Lawyer.

BALTIMORE, MD., February 10.—Reverdy Johnson, the distinguished statesman and jurist, was found dead this evening at 8.15 in the grounds surrounding the Executive Mansion at Annapolis. Mr. Johnson was the guest of Gov. Carroll, and dined this afternoon with other gentlemen at the Executive Mansion. He was found dead in the yard by a servant.

Later.—Mr. Johnson had been dining with Chief Justice Burton and others at the Executive Mansion. After supper, in the midst of pleasant conversation, he suddenly asked the Governor to take him into the parlor. The request was complied with, and the Governor, at Mr. Johnson's persistent solicitations, went back to his other guests. Upon returning a few moments afterward Mr. Johnson was missed, and after some search the body was found lying on the cobble stone carriage way under the house. He was dead when found, and a bleeding profusely. The doctors found large wounds on the right side of the forehead, two fractures of the skull, from the upper portion of the forehead to the eyebrow, a dislocation of the left hand, and cuts on the hands, and bruises. The physicians are examining the body to determine the cause of death.

[Mr. Johnson was born at Annapolis, Maryland, May 21, 1796. He received his education at St. John's college, in his native city, and at once entered upon the study of the law. He was admitted to the bar in 1815, and being a young man of marked ability, he rapidly made his way, and in a couple of years had secured a large and lucrative practice in Baltimore, which city he made his new home. He naturally drifted somewhat into politics, and became a leader in Democratic ranks. In 1821 he was elected to the State Senate and acquitted himself so well that he was re-elected in 1825 without serious opposition. After the expiration of his term he applied himself more closely to his legal practice, and soon had a national reputation. He still maintained his interest in political affairs, however, and in 1845 was chosen United States Senator for Maryland. In the same year he was appointed by President Taylor, Attorney General of the United States—a position which he filled with signal ability. When the Democrats went out of power he went with them, but in 1868 was named as Minister to the Court of St. James. His special work while in England was the adjustment of the Alabama claims, but his work was not appreciated by Congress, and was not ratified by that body. He returned home in 1869, being superceded by Mr. Motley, the historian, since that time he has lived a retired live, so far as politics were concerned, and only appeared before the public in the course of his legal practice, which involved cases of national interest. He was a man of wide and varied attainments, a profound lawyer, a good public speaker, and a man generally who knew how to win and maintain popularity. He was especially happy as a post-prandial orator. He made a speech in Pittsburgh at the banquet given our Baltimore guests upon the occasion of the completion of the Connellsville railroad.]

FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, February 10, 1876.

Cash on Hand.

The Secretary of the Treasury sent to the House of Representatives to-day, in response to a resolution of January 31, a detailed statement showing the actual amount of cash on hand in the Treasury, the several Depositories and Mints on the 25th of January, 1876: The total amount is $190,778,043. The Secretary says that as legal-tender notes received for the redemption of National Bank notes do not belong to the United States, their amount is not in any way embraced in the monthly debt statement of the Department. The amount of 5 per cent. bonds sold to October 2, 1875, in obedience to the resumption act is, interest included, $15,795,855. The silver purchased by the Treasury Department has been paid for with the proceeds of 5 per cent. bonds sold, and the balance of proceeds of said bonds, together with the revenues of the Government, has been applied to the retirement of legal tenders, as provided by the specie resumption act.

Contraction of Currency.

The contraction of legal-tender and National bank currency since the passage of the act of January 14, 1875, amounts to $20,768,752.

HOME NEWS.

The probabilities are that to-day we will have a falling barometer, southeast to southwest winds, and warmer, cloudy, or partly cloudy weather will prevail, followed by rising barometer, cold northerly winds and occasional rains.

An Absconding Book-keeper.

The detective force in the city have been very quietly on the look out for an absconding book-keeper of a large coal firm up the river, who one day this week left for parts unknown to rid himself of the consequence of his misdeeds. The case is involved in all that mystery which the astute detectives are masters of, and the name of the losing firm is unknown. Still it is positively ascertained that the book-keeper forged paper to the value of $12,000 in one case, and $1,400 in another. Perhaps more will be known in a day or two.

Brevities.

MESSRS. GIBSON & CRAWFORD, the counsel for Joseph Flemm, yesterday made a motion for a new trial. The reasons given are that the verdict was against the weight of evidence, and that new evidence has been discovered.

THE Common Pleas Court No. 1 yesterday granted the *mandamus* asked for by the Brownsville and Monongahela Bridge Commissioners directing Controller Snodgrass to issue the bonds necessary to complete the work. In pursuance of the directions of the Court the bonds will be issued to the amount of $50,000, and possibly more.

A PETITION was presented to Judge Sterritt, yesterday, asking for a division of the First election district of the Twenty-first ward. A hearing was fixed for Saturday, March 4th.

A. HOWARD & SON, contractors, yesterday filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy. Their liabilities amount to $160,000, and the assets to more than $300,000. Among their assets are the following claims against the city: "By violation of the contracts on Highland avenue and Brilliant Hill reservoirs, by the Water Commission we were compelled to make an assignment of the work, on which we could have made $150,000; damages growing out of said violations of contract, $100,000." Extra work on Webster avenue $15,000 00; shrinkage on 70,000 yards of grading, $3,500 00; interest, $1,500 00; balance due on Wylie and Webster avenues, $650 00. The petition goes to Register Harper for examination and report.

THE JAIL POISONING.

A Number of Arrests Made—A Family Quarrel.

Under the instructions of District Attorney Montooth, Officer Seth Wilmot, of 'Squire Burke's office, has been investigating the jail poisoning case. Yesterday Constable J. J. Hayes nearly spoiled the case by officiously arresting Andy Groves, the boy who carried the pie to the prison, and having him committed by Alderman Edgar. When Mr. Montooth heard of it, he directed Hayes to go no farther on his own responsibility, but to assist Officer Wilmot. It has transpired that six persons are implicated in the crime—four women and two men. Last evening three of the women were arrested and committed by Alderman Burke. Two are yet to be taken, the father-in-law of the prisoner, Bidgley, and his wife. All of the parties belong to a rather low and ignorant class of colored people, and the attempted crime was the result of family feuds. The officers were last evening on the track of the two remaining accused parties, and possibly may now have them in custody.

HEAVY EXPRESS ROBBERY.

A Mysterious Prisoner at the Union Depot Hotel.

Since night before last a tremendous air of mystery has enveloped a certain room in the Union Depot Hotel. After diligent investigation yesterday our reporter learned that there is a prisoner man confined in the room, and constantly guarded by two officers to prevent him from escaping. His name is Butz, at least that's what the GAZETTE representative was told, and he was arrested for being accessory after the fact to the robbery of $3,000 a day or two ago from the Adams Express office at Brady's Bend.

His father, who was the Express agent at that place, it is said, committed the theft and then gave the son $50 to go and buy him a ticket so that he could leave. Instead of purchasing the ticket the son kept the money and came down to Pittsburgh, where he met Detective Watson, at the instance of the Brady's Bend authorities, and is held here so that he cannot communicate with his father, whose trail the officers are upon and whom they expect to arrest shortly. The matter has been kept very quiet, but additional particulars will doubtless be made public in a day or two.

A DETECTIVE'S DISCHARGE.

The Dismissal of Joseph S. Cupples—What It Was For.

No small degree of surprise was occasioned in police circles yesterday by the summary dismissal of Joseph S. Cupples from the city detective force. The objectionable act on the part of Cupples was that he had undertaken to recover certain money and jewels stolen from Eliza Depper without informing the Mayor or Chief of Police of what he intended to do. Charles Good, deputy in the watchhouse of Alderman Butler, worked himself into the confidence of Eliza Depper and ascertained that her out of jewels to the value of $1,500, and also $1,000 in cash. He then left the city and is supposed to be in Kentucky. Desiring to recover her money and valuables Mrs. Depper applied to John Eichley, proprietor of the Black Bear tavern, in the Diamond, for advice. Eichley sent for Cupples and they made an arrangement for the latter to go to Kentucky and arrest Good. In pursuance of that arrangement Cupples was furnished with $50 to pay his expenses. Mrs. Depper then went to the Mayor and made an information before him against Good, and these plans had been laid without the knowledge of the Mayor or his Chief. Cupples even took the warrant for Good's arrest without saying a word to his superiors about his proposed trip to Kentucky. All this had been done in violation of the rule, which distinctly and emphatically says that no detective shall make any arrangements for the working up a case until he has reported his intentions to headquarters, and further that he shall receive no money from outside parties. It is the intention of the Chief, we believe, to demand full information of what his subordinates are about to engage in, in order that he may know what is occupying their time. If it is necessary for an officer to go beyond the limits of the State to apprehend a criminal the Chief will detail the proper person and make arrangements for the payment of his expenses. Chief Hartzell knew nothing of the agreement that Cupples had made until he heard it from the lips of Eichley. When he had heard the whole story he prepared written charges against Cuppies and presented them to the Mayor. The latter read them and directed the Chief to dismiss him. The Chief did so, but not until he had offered the officer a full and fair hearing.

The cause for the dismissal of Cupples was filled by the appointment of Charley McGovern, heretofore on duty at the corner of Fourth avenue and Smithfield street. McGovern's place is now occupied by officer Coates.

BREVITIES.

....Additional local news will be found on our second page.

....The Finance Committee meets this afternoon, but it is not likely that the appropriation ordinance will be ready for their consideration.

....A land slide on the Castle Shannon Railroad that occurred yesterday morning a short distance east of Fairhaven, caused a considerable detention.

....Mrs. Wilson, the lady who was poisoned on Allegheny, is improving, and will recover. As in the jail poisoning case, the excessive quantity of arsenic defeated the poisoner's calculations.

....Officer Harry Miller's residence, on Bedford avenue, was entered by thieves during the absence of the family right before last, and the place thoroughly ransacked. It is not known what was the amount stolen.

....The managers of the Ladies Depository tender their profound acknowledgments to the young gentlemen of the "Troubadours," for their very successful entertainment in behalf of the Depository. The sum of $626 69 has been secured as the proceeds of this entertainment.

....Coroner McCallin held an inquest last evening on the body of Peter Weisenbaugh, who died suddenly of heart disease at Larimer station, O'Hara township, about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The deceased was a laborer, and was carrying bricks for a new building being erected, and was in the act of loading up his hod when he fell and expired instantly. He was 47 years of age, and leaves a wife and four children.

....While a baker's wagon was standing on the old Fourth street road, yesterday morning, a boy snatched a couple of loaves of bread from the hind end and darted down a flight of steps leading into a basement near by. The driver saw the act and running to catch the boy, slipped and fell on the steps and broke his leg, near the ankle. A driver for Irwin's chair furniture manufactory, who was passing, and two or three others, placed the driver (whose name could not be ascertained) in the wagon and drove him home, where surgical assistance was procured.

....A colored man named Harry Worthington was arrested by officer Young about four o'clock yesterday morning, in an upper hallway in Carr's block, on Wood street, under rather suspicious circumstances. The officer saw him enter the building rather mysteriously, and shortly followed him. He discovered Worthington in the hall, and a bright fire of pine wood burning in an ash box. After extinguishing the fire the officer took the man in custody, and yesterday morning he had a hearing before Chief Hartzell and Fire Marshal Livingstone. Worthington claimed, and it was found to be correct, that he is a porter in Oppenheimer's clothing store, in the block. He explained that he had been in Allegheny until very late, and returning, got his feet wet, and that he built the fire in the ash box to dry his socks, the box being filled with wet ashes, believing that it could easily be put out, and no danger would arise from it. Worthington is still in the lock-up, awaiting further inquiry into the matter. He is a married man, and lives in the East End.

Marion Harland in her new cook book "Breakfast, Luncheon and Tea," recommends the use of Prepared or Self Raising Flour in preference to Cream of Tarter and Soda or Expensive Baking Powder.

ALLEGHENY COUNCILS.

Regular Meeting Last Night.

A Flood of New Business in the Common Branch—The Police Matter—A Warm Fight Over the Printing Contract—The Result.

SELECT COUNCIL.

J. C. PATTERSON.....President
R. T. WHITE.....Clerk

A regular monthly meeting of Allegheny Councils was held last evening.

The following members were present: Messrs. Bayne, Cochran, Callery, Drum, Davis, Eberhardt, Heagy, Huckestine, Hartman, Lindsey, McKelvey, Slack, Voegtly, Wilhelm, Weite, and President Patterson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. VOEGTLY presented a petition from Rev. M. Witherspoon in relation to an assessment. Referred.

Mr. WILHELM, an ordinance changing place of holding elections in the First District, Eighth ward. Referred.

Mr. DRUM, a petition for a board walk on Harrison street. Referred.

Also, petition for gas lamps in the Second ward. Referred.

Mr. DAVIS, petition for extension of water main on Preble avenue. Referred.

Mr. SLACK, a remonstrance against the construction of a sewer on Monterey street. Referred.

JUDICIAL.

Mr. SLACK presented the report of the Finance Committee. Report received.

The following papers accompanied the report: Controller's report of receipts and expenditures during the month of January. Received. Also, Controller's report of expenditures during the past month. The expenditures aggregate $18,481 29. Report received and the bills ordered to be paid. Also, the ordinance levying taxes and making appropriations to meet the expenses of the city during the year. The ordinance is the same as was published yesterday with the exception of the police appropriation which was $47,123 50, and the Contingent Fund which was $42,899 11, and the Health $1,000. Passed.

Ordinance requiring the payment of the fees allowed prosecutors, when they are city officers, in cases of illegal liquor selling into the City Treasury. Passed.

Resolution authorizing the City Treasurer to borrow $99,000 to meet the current expenses of the city. Passed.

THE POLICE.

Mr. HEAGY presented the report of the Police Committee. Received.

The ordinances for increasing the police force, and for reducing the pay of the policemen accompanied the report. After some discussion the ordinances were both referred to be printed.

Mr. VOEGTLY, an ordinance for the regrading and repaving of Middle alley, and a resolution for filing a bond of indemnity in the same. Referred.

Mr. EBERHARDT, petition extending water main on Vineal street. Referred.

Also, petition for a sewer on Lowrie street. Referred.

Also, resolution for grading of Troy Hill road from Vinial street to Ohio street. Referred to the Committee on Streets, with power to act.

Mr. SLACK, a resolution directing the Street Committee to withhold the contract for building a sewer on Monterey street. Adopted.

Mr. CALLERY, a resolution for a stone crossing on Sandusky street. Referred.

Mr. MCKELVEY, a resolution for a gas lamp on Manilla alley. Referred.

Mr. HUCKESTEIN, a resolution requesting the Mayor to have the Chief of Police devote more of his time to the detection of burglars and thieves. Referred.

Select Council then adjourned to the C. C. chamber to meet in Common Council on the same evening for the purpose of awarding the contract for the city printing.

On the return from the joint session Council adjourned.

COMMON COUNCIL.

J. O. S. GOLDEN.....President.
DAVID MACFERRON.....Clerk.

The following members were present in this branch: Messrs. Alston, Armstrong, Bedell, Biber, Cooke, Cochran, Hunter, Hughes, Kredel, John L. Kerr, Klicker, Thos. B. Kerr, Lingenfelder, Landis, Long, Mueller, Moul, McGuire, Neely, Parkhill, Sholes, Swindell, Stone, Schmitt, Snaman, Wilson, Walker and Golden—34.

Nays—Messrs. Callery, Eberhardt, Huckestine, Weite, Bedell, Hughes, Kredel, John L. Kerr, Mueller, McGuire, Seiling and Wall—12.

So Mr. Bayne's motion was carried, and the laying of Mr. Bedell's motion on the table excluded the *Post*.

GERMAN PRINTING.

Mr. VOEGTLY moved that the *Freiheitz Freund* be awarded the contract for doing the German printing.

Mr. HEAGY—Why take up the German paper first? I think the English papers deserve precedence. English is the language of this country, and it is that tongue we talk.

Mr. BEDELL—I beg leave to differ. American is the language we talk in this country. [Great laughter.]

Mr. Voegtly's motion was carried, and the contract was awarded to the *Freiheitz's Freund*.

Mr. CALLERY moved that the contracts for the English printing be awarded to the next two lowest bidders.

Mr. WELTE said that in his opinion Councils were morally bound to elect the *Post* one of the City Printers.

Mr. GOLDEN moved that the roll be called and that each member vote for the two papers he considered entitled to the cont